

8 June 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of House Foreign Affairs Committee 8 June 1982 on  
Lebanon-Israel Crisis

1. On 8 June 1982 Bob Ames, Director Office of Near East and South Asian Analysis, and [redacted] Syrian Military Analyst from that same office, briefed eleven Members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the current situation in Lebanon-Israel crisis. Material presented was at the TOP SECRET Codeword level. A transcript was taken by the Official House Reporters. (U)

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2. Chairman Lee Hamilton (D., IN) of the Europe and Middle East Subcommittee called for the briefing and presided. Also present were:

Clement Zablocki (D., IN), Chairman	Paul Findley (R., IL)
L. H. Fountain (D., NC)	Robert Lagomarsino (R., CA)
Jonathan Bingham (D., NY)	Joel Pritchard (R., WA)
George Crockett (D., MI)	Toby Roth (R., WI)
Robert Shamansky (D., OH)	
David Bowen (D., MS)	(U)

3. Present from the staff were:

Mike Van Dusen	Larry Sulc
Alison Brenner	Jim Schollaert
George Berdes	Tom Smeeton (U)

4. Mr. Ames began by stating that the situation was extremely fluid and then outlined the political aspects of the conflict between Israel and Lebanon. He mentioned that the group that attempted to assassinate the Israeli Ambassador in London was the Black June Group. He summarized it's orientation and activities. Next he covered the Syrian and Israeli intentions including the probable Israeli reaction to a Syrian military attack. He also outlined the domestic support Begin has for the action. (S)

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Robert Ames

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Syrian Military Analyst, Office of Near  
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ALSO ATTENDING:



Legislative Liaison Officer

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